

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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VLADIMIR NIKITIN ET AL.	)	
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SERIAL NO.: Not Assigned	)	
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FOR: ENHANCEMENT OF MAGNETIZATION	)	
SWITCHING SPEED IN SOFT	)	
FERROMAGNETIC FILMS THROUGH	)	
CONTROL OF EDGE STRESS	)	
ANISOTROPY	)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In advance of the first examination, Applicants hereby respectfully amend the subject application, as follows: